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PENDING PROJECTS OF I.A.R.I.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IARI had fixed a target for completing 402 projects during 1995-2001;

(b) if so, the number of completed projects, the number of incomplete projects and the projects yet to take off;

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in completing the said projects; and

(d) the cost overrun due to the inordinate delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No Sir. However, there are currently 402 in house projects were under implementation during 1995-2001. Of this, 210 projects were started from April, 1994 and 192 new projects were added from April 1999 onwards and these are continuing.

(b) Out of 210 projects started from 1994, 180 projects were completed and their final report (RPF-III) have been received. Another 23 projects were not even started or midway terminated.

(c) In few cases projects were extended beyond 5 years to complete the new research leads and in some cases the interesting research findings were to be confirmed through few more years of observation.

(d) The extended life span of few projects did not cost more. And confirmation of the observation saved the expenditure made in such programmes.